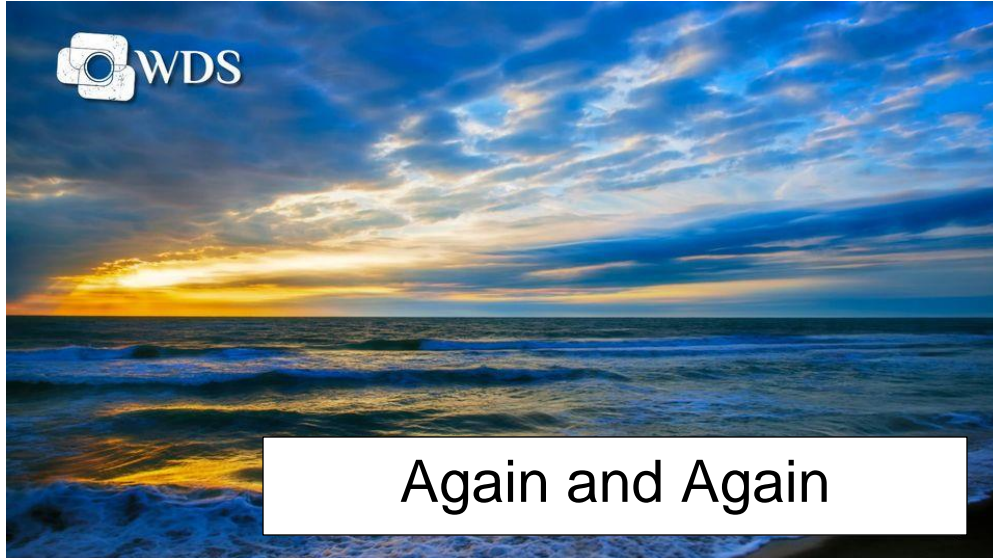


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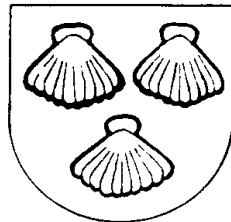


**January 21, 2023**  
**9:30 am**  
**“Becoming People of God: Again and Again”**

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## Invitation and Gathering

**Prelude** "We now Implore the Holy Ghost" Dietrich Buxtehude

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**Welcome**

***Rev. Patricia Abell***

**Gathering Song**

"Be Thou My Vision"

***UMH 451***

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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**Call to Worship**

***Barbara Cook***

Gathered in worship with silence and sound,  
**we wait upon God's grace.**  
Gathered in worship with focused heart and mind,  
**we anticipate the time we face.**

**Opening Prayer**

***Barbara Cook***

**God Beyond our Knowing and yet right here in our midst,  
steer us through the uncharted waters of our lives into new discoveries of purpose and passion.  
Guide us, Holy Spirit, Nudge us, Teacher Jesus. Love us, Holy One. Amen.**

## Proclamation and Response

**Prayer of Confession**

***Barbara Cook***

**Holy One, you have called us from the seashore to service in this world.  
You have pulled us from our comfort to embrace the inconvenience of servanthood.  
You have put before us an opportunity that we never truly wanted.  
Like Jonah, who resented going where you sent him, we are restless and resistant.  
We'd rather sleep in a boat and go about a casual kind of life.  
We'd rather live our days as we always have and let the tides carry us where they will.  
May the storms of our days shake us to new awareness and renewed paths of faithful living. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

Hear the good news!  
Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you.  
Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace.  
Hear these words: You are forgiven.

**Thanks be that God stands watch over our very lives.**  
**Thanks be to God for the grace that meets us where we are.**  
**Hear these words: You are forgiven.**

## Passing the Peace of Christ

### \*Opening Hymn

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

**UMH 209**

1. Blest be the God of Israel  
Who comes to set us free  
Who visits and redeems us  
And grants us liberty  
The prophets spoke of mercy  
Of freedom and release  
God shall fulfill His promise  
To bring our people peace

2. Now from the house of David  
A Child of grace is given  
A Savior comes among us  
To raise us up to heaven  
Before him goes the herald  
Forerunner in the way  
The profit of salvation  
The harbinger of day

3. On prisoners of darkness  
The sun begins to rise  
The dawning of forgiveness  
Upon the sinner's eyes  
To guide the feet of pilgrims  
Along the paths of peace  
Oh bless our God and Savior  
With songs that never cease

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## Children's Moment

**Jelinda Blum**

### Scripture

**Jonah 3: 1-5; Mark 1: 14-20 (CEB)**

**Barbara Cook**

### Hymn

“Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door”

**W & S 3095**

#### **Refrain:**

Somebody's knockin' at your door;  
Somebody's knockin' at your door;  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

1. Knocks like Jesus.  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Knocks like Jesus.  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?

#### **Refrain**

2. Can't you hear him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Can't you hear him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
**Refrain**

3. Jesus calls you.  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Jesus calls you.  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
**Refrain**

4. Can't you trust him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Can't you trust him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
**Refrain**

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**Message**

“Becoming People of God: Again and Again”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Response to the Word**

God's word is shared to open our eyes and quicken our spirits.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for God's People, Church, & World**

**Barbara Cook**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God All creatures here below  
Alleluia alleluia  
Praise God the source of all our gifts  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts  
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

**UMH 94**

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**Offering Prayer**

**Sending Forth**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Abide With Me” (vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5)

**UMH 700**

1. Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless O abide with me

3. I need the presence every passing hour  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine Lord abide with me

\*Please stand as able

4. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life and death O Lord abide with me

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## **Benediction**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

The kingdom of God is near.

**We are called to action.**

The kingdom of God unfolds throughout our lives.

**We will take the word of grace into the world.**

Go, redeemed and blessed, for you are never alone.

**We will spread the good news!**

Let us go into the mission field+

And all God's people said, "**Amen!**"

## **Postlude**

"Toccata in G Major" William Hieronymous Pachelbel

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### **Questions for Reflection**

*Have you ever felt a lack of direction in life or been unsure of what path to take?*

*How did you regain a sense of purpose and certainty?*

*Where do you think God is calling you to go next?*

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

*As I rise this day, O God, I give you thanks for breath and life,  
for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends,  
and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity.*

*Help me to give thanks especially for the people who pull me to new understandings  
and show me sides of life that I have not known or do not welcome.*

*Urge me to follow you today; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

*As the evening comes and the time for rest draws near, O God,  
I give you thanks for another full and mystifying day.*

*I have not done everything I had hoped to do. I have not forgiven myself or others as I ought.*

*I ask now that you, who know me through and through,*

*will lead me to let go of what I cannot change and seek anew tomorrow for a more enlightened path.*

*I long for your guidance and your care.*

*Guard my sleep, and let me rise renewed; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## **RESOURCES:**

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